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existence now, and because the Congress party in power here will not get a majority in the panchayats, elections to panchayats are being postponed? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think, Sir, I have answered the question. The insinuation is not correct. I have answered that it is due to the difficulty of carrying out the Act, and it is not because of any desire to strengthen one party or another."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding local self-Government administration, whether it is in regard to districts boards or the contemplated taluk boards, or the existing panchayat boards or the panchayat boards to be constituted. Would the Government constitute a high level committee to go into the whole question instead of merely changing the structure of the district boards and bringing in the taluk boards, so that, even if the committee should take a long time to arrive at a conclusion we can get rid of the whole trouble that is there at present."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I welcome the suggestion. We will give the suggestion our utmost consideration."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, whereas the Government have expressed a difficulty in carrying out this Panchayat Act passed in 1950, for the passing of which this Cabinet is not responsible, will the present Government consider the desirability of scrapping that Act and bring forward a Bill which would suit the environmental conditions in our State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the committee, that is suggested, is appointed, we may even do what has just now been suggested."

Extension of the term of the present incumbent of the post of the Secretary to the State Legislature.

* 213 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"நான் இந்தக் கேள்வியைக் கேட்கிறேன். "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" கேள்வியைக் கேட்கிறேன் என்று சொல்வதற்குப் பதிலாக, ' கேள்வியைப் போடுகிறேன் ' என்று சொன்னால், அது நன்றாக இருக்கும். "

* SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the necessity to extend the term of the present incumbent of the post of Secretary to the State Legislature? 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The term of the present incumbent of the post of Secretary to the State Legislature was extended in the interests of the work of the State Legislature on the advice of the Speaker and the Chairman confirmed by the Public Service Commission."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் சட்டசபைச் செயலாளரை ஒரு ஆண்டு வரை வைத்துக்கொண்டிருந்துவிட்டு, கீழிருக்கும் அதிகாரிகளுக்கு தக்க பயிற்சி அளித்துவிட்டு, பிறகு அவர் தமது பதவியிலிருந்து விலகிவிடுவார் என்று முதல் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சென்ற ஆண்டில் சொன்னார். இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய உதவிச் செயலாளர் இன்னும் பயிற்சி பெறவில்லையா? பயிற்சி பெற்றிருந்தால் ஏன் அவரை உயர்த்தவில்லை? சர்க்காருடைய உத்தேசம் என்ன?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் வரிசையாக கேள்வி போட்டுக்கொண்டிருந்தால் எப்படி பதில் சொல்லுவது? ஒரே ஒரு கேள்வியைப் போட்டுவிட்டு உட்கார்ந்தால் பதில் அளிப்பதற்கு சௌகரியமாக இருக்கும்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That was our intention and it was only with that intention Mr. Choudary was selected and he was undergoing training. Fortunately or unfortunately, he has gone over to the Andhra State. We are now considering the question of selecting another person and he will be selected soon and will be given the proper training."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May this House know what the present age of our Secretary is?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" He is younger than many of the High Court Judges." (Continued laughter.)

(Hon. Member Sri K. Aranganathan was seen rising in his seat.)

MR SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் கேள்வி நேரத்தை 'monopolise' பண்ணக் கூடாது. ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் 13 முதல் 20 கேள்விகள் வரை உங்கள் கேள்விகள் வருகின்றன. பார்லிமெண்டில் ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் மூன்று கேள்விகளுக்கு மேல் ஒரு நாளைக்கு போடக்கூடாது என்று 'ரேஷன்' செய்யப்படுகிறது.

" The hon. Member is giving notice of a number of questions. Even today, there are a number of questions standing in his name. At the same time, the hon. Member wants to put a number of supplementary questions also. He cannot monopolize the whole question hour like this."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are we to understand that at present there is nobody who can replace the present Secretary, and do the Government realise that they are actually depriving the present Secretary of his well-earned rest?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hon. Members can see for themselves whether the work of the House and of the Committees is being facilitated or not by the present Secretary. As for replacement, we are bound to replace him. But, we must replace him by one who will do the work better and not merely look more handsome or younger."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Might I ask whether it carries any insinuation?"

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பல ஆண்டுகளாக உதவிச் செயலாளராக இருக்கின்ற ஸ்ரீ ஹனுமந்தப்பா அவர்கள் ஸ்ரீ சௌத்தரி வருவதற்கு முன்னாலிருந்து பயிற்சி பெற்றிருப்பதால், அவரை ஏன் செயலாளர் பதவிக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவில்லை ? அவர் பிராம்மணரல்லாதார் என்ற ஒரு காரணத்தினாலா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I quite agree with the hon. Member's appraisement of Mr. Hanumanthappa. I submit that it is not proper to raise this subject on the floor of the House and to discuss persons on the staff in this manner during question hour, especially keeping them in their seats here."

Acquisition of lands for the lignite project.

* 214 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what extent of land in R.S. No. 151/12-C of Thandavankuppam village, Vriddhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, has been acquired for the purpose of the lignite mines?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Action is pending to acquire 1·45 acres of land in R.S. No. 151/12 C, of Thandavankuppam for purposes of the lignite project."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" தாண்டவன்குப்பத்திலுள்ள ரெவினியூ ஸர்வே நெ. 151–12 C நிலத்தை ஜாரி செய்துகொள்ளுவதற்கு முன்பாகவே, ஒரு ஆண்டுக்கு முன் பழுப்பு நிலக்கரிச் சுரங்கத்திற்கு சமீபத்திலுள்ள விவசாய மக்கள் நிலங்களைப் பயிரிட முடியாத அளவுக்கு ஆக்கிரமித்துவிட்டார்கள் என்று அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ? ஏன் அப்படி செய்யப்பட்டது ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are aware of the facts mentioned by the hon. Member. But it was unavoidable. The earth that was dug out of the lignite mine has to be dumped somewhere. We are trying to get land by acquisition and the parties concerned will be paid enough compensation for the land together with interest at 6 per cent on the compensation from the date of taking possession to the date of payment of the compensation. I submit that they are only dry lands according to Government information. Therefore, no hardship will be experienced by the parties either in the matter of cultivation or compensation."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In today's agenda we find four such questions dealing with the same subject. Previously also, there have been a number of questions on this subject, viz., the Neyveli project administration. We gather from all these that there is some real trouble going on. Will the Hon. Minister revet his attention to this subject and see how this difficulty could be got over?"